



Dear parents/ carers,

The government advised yesterday that schools in England are to close until we receive notice to re-open. In line with this guidance, we will close the school on Friday at 3:15 pm to the majority of pupils.

The government also requested that provision is made for children who have an Education Health and Care Plan, children who have a social worker and children whose parents are identified as key workers. We are still awaiting further information about which jobs will fall into this category. As soon as we have this information, we will send out a further communication to ask parents if they are key workers and will require their child to attend school. School we be open from 8:45 am for pupils that fall into one of these categories from Monday 23rd March, 2020.

We are currently making provisions to supply children in receipt of free school meals with a daily lunch, whether they are on site or not. As many of you will already know, we have been putting home learning tasks on the website this week for children not in school. We will continue with that for the foreseeable and will make arrangements for resources and other items to be available by collection from school.

This is a fast changing situation and we are responding to national and local issues on a daily basis at the moment. We know that the last week will have been unsettling for families and the future is uncertain, but we are committed to maintaining a service at St Matthew's to support the community at this difficult time.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "S. Murphy".

Stephen Murphy
Headteacher